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BETHLEHEM, South Bethlehem and West Bethlehem, a trio of thriving boroughs, with separate and distinct municipal governments, are situated on both sides of the Lehigh River, at its junction with the Monocacy.

The first mentioned, the oldest of the three towns, carries its history back to 1741, when the first house was erected and occupied and its name was given to the prospective town.

The settlers were Moravians who came hither from Georgia, where, under the patronage of General Oglethorpe, they had joined his colony with the chief object of bringing the Word of the Cross to the aborigines of that region.

This motive, too, actuated them to purchase the tracts of primeval forest land in Pennsylvania, in the forks of the Lehigh; and for the furtherance of this work, the Christianization of the red men who here had their ancestral seats, the rapidly growing town of Bethlehem was maintained as an economy, where all labored for a common cause. This quasi-communal system was abolished in 1762. With the exception of the first two houses, the earliest dwellings were built of heavy masonry and, clustered more or less closely on Church Street, remain to this day, a spot of unfailing interest to the visitor, buttressed and gambrel-roofed, veritable ensamples of the architectural style of Saxon-Germany, of the seventeenth century.

The superiority of its educational facilities has ever been the pride of Bethlehem. Besides its excellent public schools, the Moravian Church maintains a large Parochial School, a seminary for young ladies and a Theological Seminary and College. South Bethlehem is the seat of Lehigh University with its numerous elegant and massive buildings, splendidly arranged and equipped for students in the scientific and technical branches.

The manufacturing industries of the Bethlehems are not very numerous; yet the stupendous plant of the Bethlehem Iron Company, situated in South Bethlehem, represents as much capital and is of as great commercial importance as a score of smaller establishments.

The works of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron Company are located in South Bethlehem also; and, in truth, the history of the manufacture of both Metallic Zinc and Zinc Oxide in America begins at Bethlehem, for here were these products first made on a commercial scale.

One roomy and well equipped silk mill has been established in each of the three towns.

The environs of Bethlehem are eminently picturesque and the town has long been a favorite resort for summer tourists.

BETHLEHEM AND THE OLD BRIDGE.

First House in Bethlehem—1741.

MORAVIAN CHURCH, ERECTED 1803.

AUG. GOTTLIEB SPANGENBERG
Episcopus Fratrum

THE GEMEIN HAUS—ERECTED 1742.

COUNT ZINZENDORF

SISTERS' HOUSE—ERECTED 1742.

BISHOP EDMUND DE SCHWEINITZ

WIDOWS' HOUSE—ERECTED 1768.

TOWER OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH.

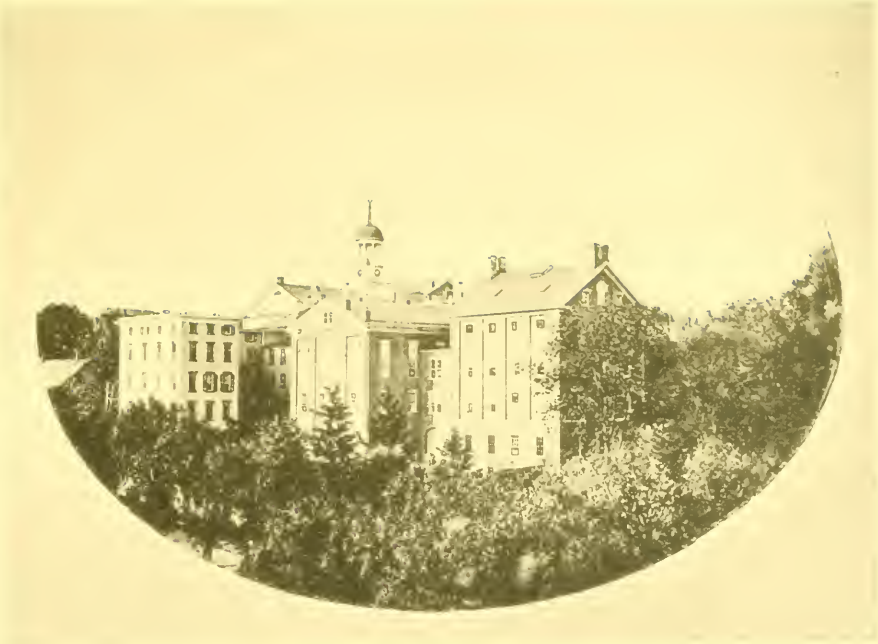
First Seminary for Girls—erected 1716.

Interior of Moravian Church—1890.

Old Chapel, Erected 1751.

YOUNG LADIES' SEMINARY.

The Schnitz Haus.



MORAVIAN CHURCH AND YOUNG LADIES SEMINARY—REAR VIEW.

THE JULIANA NITSCHMANN TOMB.

OLD MORAVIAN CEMETERY.

Lehigh Valley Bank, South Main Street
Soldiers' Monument
Penn School.
South Main Street and Post Office.

PERSON & RIEGEL'S.

MAIN STREET VIEW EAST.

EAGLE HOTEL. SUN INN.

AMERICAN HOUSE.

THE CUTTER SILK MILL AND WEST BETHLEHEM.

MANOCACY BRIDGE.

General Offices—Lehigh Valley R. R.

The Water Works.

LEHIGH VALLEY R. R. STATION.

VIEW DOWN THE LEHIGH - NEW STREET BRIDGE.

Moravian Parochial School.

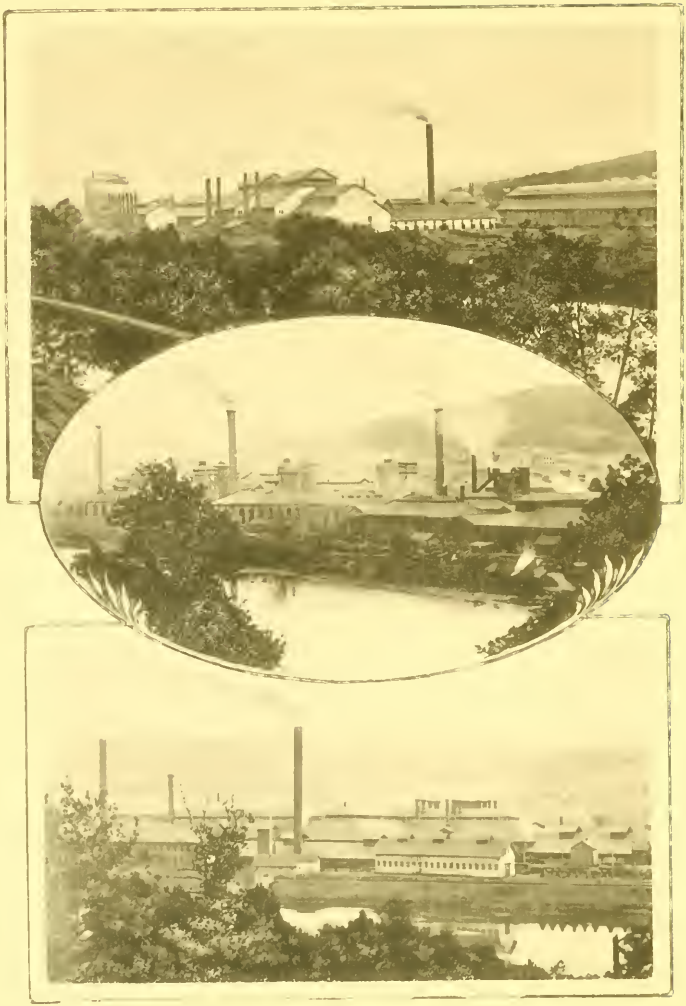
Webster Public School.

Neisser School.

Bishopthorpe School.

South Bethlehem High School.

BETHLEHEM IRON WORKS, FROM NEW STREET BRIDGE.



Bethlehem Iron Works

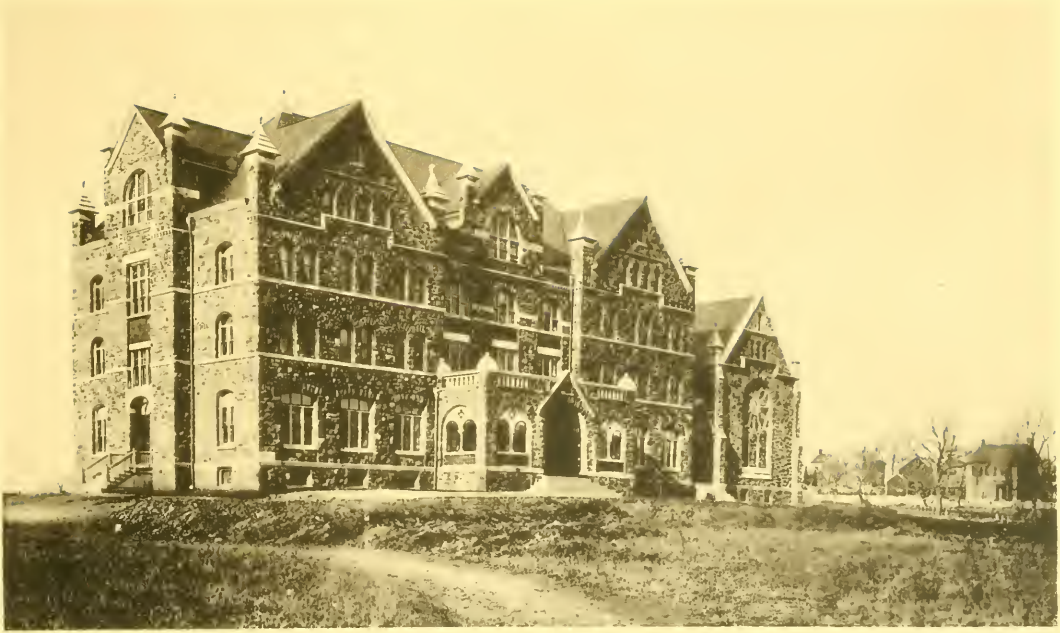
Lehigh Zinc Works

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—SOUTH BETHLEHEM.

St Luke's Hospital.

Railroad Bridge and Boat Landing.

FOUNTAIN HILL RESIDENCES—SOUTH BETHLEHEM.



Moravian Theological Seminary.

PACKER MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Bethlehem and South Bethlehem, from Lehigh University.

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